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COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Military Information from the Lessa Troop Training Grounds

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EVALUATION

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SOURCE

1. On 15 December 1953, the Lessa troop training grounds was occupied by a guard detail of about 150 to 180 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and quartered in the permanent buildings of the cantonment west of the Lessa-Wiehe road near Kilometermarker 3.1. Source observed about 50 to 60 wooden officer billets and about 5 large wooden buildings with quarters and instruction rooms, each about 60 meters long. Fourteen high lookout posts were being built east of the road, about in line with the abovementioned buildings. A semi-underground emplacement was in front of each high lookout post. Four trucks, were seen in the quartering area.

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2. Source determined that a railroad station guard detail was stationed in a room next to the waiting room of the Lessa railroad station. Sentries observed wore black-bordered black epaulets.

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Comment. the guard detail belonged to the 21st Gds Mecz Div, which left the area in early October 1953.

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